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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: January 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Senior HIV/AIDS Education and Outreach Program Establishment Act of 2012”

REFERENCE: Bill Number 19-524 – draft Committee Print shared with OCFO on January 13, 2012

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the bill.

Background

The bill establishes within the Department of Health (DOH) a Senior HIV/AIDS Education and Outreach Program (the “Program”). The Program’s goals are to train seniors to provide information to their peers on preventing transmission of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and to encourage seniors to engage in education and outreach on issues related to HIV and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) with community-based service providers in the District. The bill specifies that the Program must include at least eight community outreach events per year, including at least one in each Ward.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the bill.

DOH intends to conduct start-up and Program development activities in FY 2012, with full program implementation beginning in FY 2013. To fund FY 2012 Program activities, DOH has designated \$50,000 from the \$5 million Federal Payment for HIV prevention and treatment that was included

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in the federal government's FY 2012 budget for District of Columbia appropriations.¹ DOH has also been approved for a federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) grant that includes approximately \$125,000 for HIV/AIDS services for the District's senior population, including testing and education, and the outreach component authorized in this bill. The CDC funds are not available until January 1, 2013; once they are available, DOH intends to use them for full Program implementation.

¹ District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2012, approved December 23, 2011 (Public Law 112-74).